

ENLISTED CAREER NOTES



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION

The Army is looking for volunteers to serve in the 82d Airborne Division. To be eligible, volunteers must be either airborne qualified or agree to attend airborne training.

The division needs soldiers in the following military occupational specialties (MOSs) and ranks: 11H, Heavy Antiair Weapons Infantryman—private to sergeant first class; 11C, Indirect Fire Infantryman—sergeant through sergeant first class.

Applications should be submitted through installation personnel service companies. Soldiers stationed overseas should submit their applications six to eight months before they are scheduled to return from overseas.

For more information, anyone who is interested may call the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM), Infantry Branch, DSN 221-5572/8056 or commercial (703) 325-5572/8056.

YOU ASK THE QUESTIONS; AND WE ANSWER THEM

Infantry Branch would like to help soldiers in the field by answering their questions in an open forum. For example, questions might pertain to policy regarding assignments and procedures as well as the career development of today's infantrymen. Questions that are of broad interest to the field will be published in each issue of INFANTRY Magazine. Any questions not selected for publication will be answered by mail.

Questions may be addressed to: Commander, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, ATTN: TAPC-EPK-I/Mail Talk, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22331-0452.

All letters should show the writer's name, rank, and unit address, but names will not be published with the questions.

SPANISH-SPEAKING, RANGER QUALIFIED NCOs

The Special Operations/Civil Military Operations Department, U.S. Army School of the Americas, at Fort Benning, Georgia, is seeking noncommissioned officers in MOSs 11B3V or 11B4V to instruct allied Latin American soldiers in the Commando and Drug Interdiction Courses.

These instructors will have an opportunity to receive additional training such as jumpmaster, pathfinder, special operations, and SERE (survival, escape, resistance, and evasion).

To qualify, an NCO must be airborne and Ranger qualified or willing to volunteer for training in these areas. In addition, they must speak Spanish fluently.

The duty description is as follows: Instructor in a multinational special operations instructional team composed of Army Rangers and Special Forces personnel; conducts specialized instruction on special operational skills with emphasis on commando (Ranger) training in support of counterinsurgency and counternarcotics operations for Latin American personnel; plans, prepares, and presents performance-oriented training in Spanish; develops and revises lesson plans and field training scenarios for the Counternarcotics Operation Course, the Commando Course, and live-fire exercises.

For additional information, anyone

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Branch Chief	LTC William Landrus	8055
Branch SGM	Vacant	8055
Senior PDNCO	MSG Roderick Williams	8055
11B PD—PVT-SSG —SFC-MSG	SFC Lawrence Seuell	9399
	SFC David Harden	5567
11C/H PD	SFC Michael Austin	8056
11M PD	SFC John Dean	8056
Drill Sergeant Manager	SFC Patricia Dukes	8070
Schools Manager	SFC Jose Pacheco	9458
Ranger Team Manager	SFC Randy Reynolds	5494
FAX Number		2911
Mailing Address: Commander, PERSCOM ATTN: TAPC-EPK-I 2461 Eisenhower Avenue Alexandria, VA 22331-0452		

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who is interested may call Headquarters, Department of the Army, SFC Reynolds, DSN 221-5493; or the U.S. Army School of the Americas, CSM Legoas, DSN 835-1631 or MSG Cruzado, DSN 835-3621.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School provides a unique opportunity for enlisted soldiers to gain appointments to the academy and become officers. Unfortunately, the school has not been widely known and does not receive applications from all the deserving candidates.

Any enlisted soldier who would like admission information may consult AR 351-12; write to Commandant, USMAPS, MAPS-ADM, Fort Monmouth, NJ 07703-5000; or call DSN 992-1808/1807, commercial (201) 532-1808/1807.

The application deadline for a class is

usually in April of the year in which the class begins. Interested individuals should apply early, because admission is highly competitive, and only the best-qualified cadet candidates are chosen.

TELEPHONE ACCESS TO ENLISTED RECORDS

NCOs can now request copies of their official files by telephone from the U.S. Army Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center using the Interactive Voice Response System.

Since March 1990, a caller has been able to obtain the date of his latest official photograph and the end-date of his latest evaluation report. The new option allows him to validate information on the documents that are available to Army centralized promotion boards.

A soldier (or a local personnel officer) calls DSN 699-3714 or commercial (317) 542-3714 using a push-button "touch-tone" telephone. The caller is asked to provide a Social Security num-

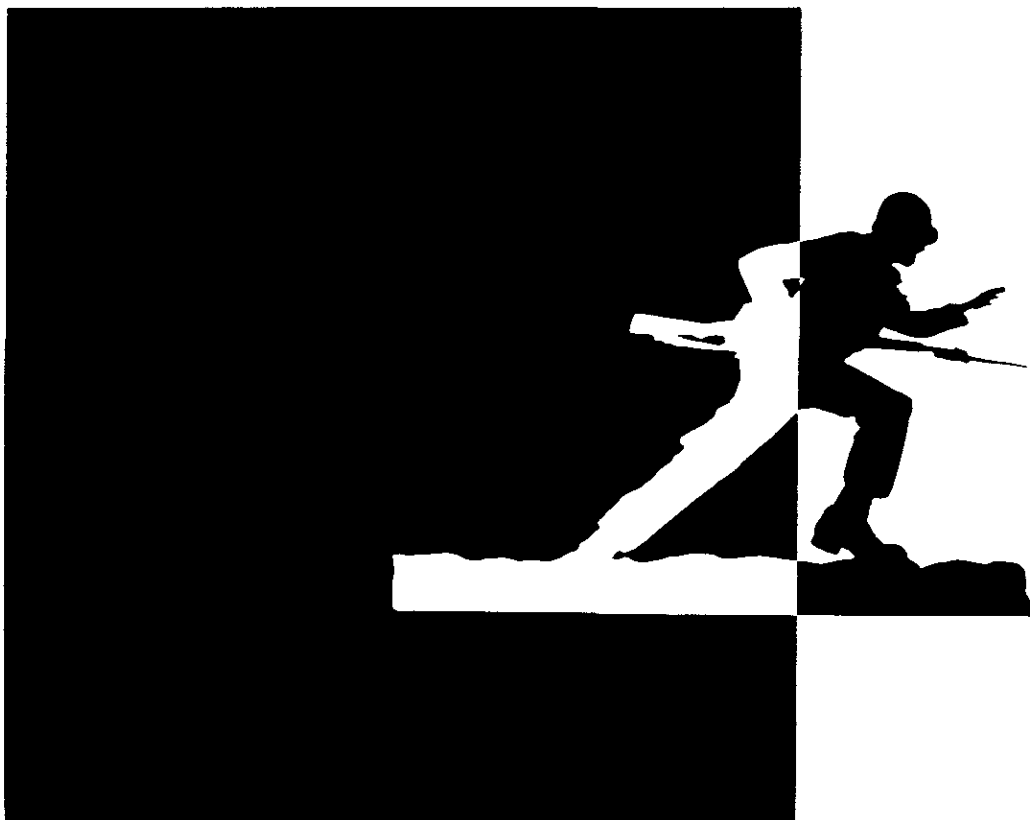
ber (as many as five numbers may be entered during one call).

Four options are then presented:

- For complete board information, press 1, followed by the number symbol (#).
- For photo data only, press 2, followed by #.
- For NCO evaluation report data, press 3, followed by #.
- For official military personnel file (OMPF) request, press 4, followed by #.

The personnel records will be mailed to the caller at his unit mailing address. In the event of a recent transfer, he should allow time for the Enlisted Master File to reflect his new unit of assignment.

As always, an NCO may submit written requests for copies of his official file to Commander, U.S. Army Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center, ATTN: PCRE-RF, Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN 46249-5301.



OFFICERS CAREER NOTES



TIMING IOAC ATTENDANCE

Lieutenants assigned outside the continental United States (OCONUS) should expect to attend an advanced course when they return from overseas. Those in Year Group 1988 who are on long tours and have not been scheduled for a class should contact Infantry Branch at the U.S. Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) as soon as possible. Officers assigned to CONUS installations can expect to make a permanent change of station to an advanced course school when they have 36 to 42 months time on station.

An officer who already has assignment instructions to an advanced course but wants to defer to another class should contact Infantry Branch to inform his assignment officer of his situation and then send a DA Form 4187 explaining the circumstances. PERSCOM will continue to support the needs of commanders in the field in select situations, but an officer who is within 90 days of reporting to an advanced course class can be deferred only for compassionate reasons. Each officer should do his best to meet his original class date.

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IOAC CLASS DATES

CLASS #	START DATE	END DATE
93-1	02 Nov 92	08 Apr 93
93-2	01 Mar 93	20 Jul 93
93-3	05 Apr 93	24 Aug 93
93-4	19 Jul 93	09 Dec 93
93-5	30 Aug 93	04 Feb 94

AOAC CLASS DATES

CLASS #	START DATE	END DATE
93-1	13 Oct 93	23 Mar 93
93-2	06 Dec 92	11 May 93
93-3	11 Apr 93	01 Sep 93
93-4	06 Jun 93	27 Oct 93

The IOAC training objective is to graduate officers who have just pinned on their captain's brass. This allows them the maximum time for both staff duty and company command at the next unit. Subsequently, this timing increases flexibility for advanced civil schooling, functional area experience, and other key duty assignments during the company-grade years.

The accompanying schedule shows IOAC classes through Fiscal Year 1993. Officers scheduled for these classes can expect to receive their follow-on assignments two months before the class begins.

OTHER OFFICER ADVANCED COURSE OPPORTUNITIES

Infantry Branch continues to send five to ten officers to each Armor Officer Advanced Course (AOAC) at Fort Knox and five or six graduates of each IOAC class to a portion of the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course (FAOAC) at Fort Sill.

Infantry Branch is always looking for qualified infantry officers to send to AOAC. An infantry officer attending AOAC is expected to be a subject matter expert in infantry branch. He is likely to be the only infantry officer in his small group and will add a valuable

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Branch Chief	LTC Arch Arnold	0445
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Lieutenant Colonels	MAJ Jim Smith MAJ Curtis Scaparrotti Mrs. Delores Hairston	5510
Majors	MAJ John Baggott MAJ Joe Anderson Mrs. Phyllis Harley	5511
Captains	CPT Rick Smarr CPT Steve Salazar CPT Brian Jones Ms. Kenny Emerson	5518
IOAC/Lieutenants	CPT Malcolm Shorter CPT Wayne Grigsby Mrs. Gwen Hughes Ms. Janice Charistophe	5514
Future Readiness Officer	CPT Dave Boslego Ms. Christia Whitten	0207
Colonels	MAJ Steve Hoogland	7866

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combined arms flavor to it.

Any officer who is interested in attending AOAC should call Infantry Branch or send a DA Form 4187 at least nine months in advance of his permanent change of station date.

Infantry officers attend only the 12-week small-group tactics phase of the FAOAC. Officers attending IOAC classes are selected for this training on the basis of their class standing, preference, and the recommendations of their small-group instructors.

RANGER TRAINING FOR BRANCH DETAILED OFFICERS

An important intent of the branch detail program is still to provide unparalleled combat arms leadership experience to combat support (CS) and combat service support (CSS) officers early in their careers.

After the Infantry Officer Basic Course (IOBC), the schools available to branch detail officers are the same ones that all infantrymen are challenged to complete. Infantry Branch has noted recently, however, that many branch detailed officers are choosing not to attend the Ranger Course. These offi-

DA BOARD SCHEDULE		
BOARD	PRIMARY YG	START DATE
LT Retention	1989	20 Oct 92
CPT Promotion	1989	20 Oct 92
MAJ Promotion	1982	11 Aug 92
SSC Selection		29 Sep 92
COL Command		29 Oct 92

cers often say that they don't believe Ranger training will contribute to their professional development in a CS or CSS career. In fact, nothing could be farther from the truth.

The Ranger course is a leadership school that builds competence and confidence, and the CS and CSS branches consider such schools as important for their detailed officers as Infantry Branch does. It is a critical leadership development school that should be considered an indispensable part of any officer's career development plan.

FUNCTIONAL AREA DESIGNATION

Officers in Year Group 1987 are receiving their designation packets this summer. In order to publish functional area assignments for these officers by January 1993, Infantry Branch needs to receive their preference statements not

later than September 1992.

An officer in Year Group 1987 who has not received his packet by 1 August 1992 should provide the following information directly to Infantry Branch: four functional area preferences (see DA Pamphlet 600-3), college grade-point average and transcripts, and any other information that would help in the designation process, such as Defense Language Aptitude Test (DLAT) scores or language skills not recorded on his office record brief.

Preferences should be sent to Commander, PERSCOM, ATTN: TAPC-OPE-I (CPT Dave Boslego), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0414.

BRANCH DETAIL PROGRAM

The Branch Detail Program is expanding. Over the next few years, half of the new Infantry lieutenants will be branch detailed. Branch detail officers will now remain infantrymen for 30 months, instead of the previous 24 months, except for Adjutant General and Military Intelligence officers, who will remain infantrymen for four years or until they attend their basic branch officer advanced courses.

